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By Barbara Brazier  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : COSTELLO  
FOR : TAILGATE STABILIZER  
SERIAL NO. : 10/058,188  
FILED : January 29, 2002  
EXAMINER : Devon C. Kramer  
ART UNIT : 3683  
DATE OF LAST OFFICE ACTION : October 31, 2003  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 3935  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : BGEE 2 13201

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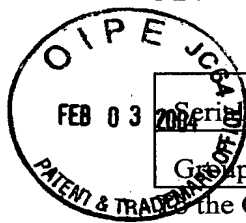
In response to the Final Office Action of October 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney Docket No.: BGEE 2 13201



Serial No.: 10/058,188	Filing Date: January 29, 2002	Examiner: D. Kramer
Group Art Unit: 3683	Title of Invention: <b>TAILGATE STABILIZER</b>	

the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	16	Minus	25	-0- x	[18] [9]	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	Minus	2	-0- x	[86] [43]	\$ 0.00

☒ No claim fees are believed to be due.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No 06-0308 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_.

☐ Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request a \_\_\_\_ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is attached.

☒ Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the extension of time fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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